



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 340

Senate, April 10, 2012

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE BY STATE EMPLOYEES OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM STUDENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 1-84 of the 2012 supplement to the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

4 (i) (1) No public official or state employee or member of the official
5 or employee's immediate family or a business with which he is
6 associated shall enter into any contract with the state, valued at one
7 hundred dollars or more, other than a contract (A) of employment as a
8 state employee, [or a contract] (B) with the regional vocational-
9 technical school system for students enrolled in a school in the system
10 to perform services in conjunction with vocational, technical or
11 technological education and training any such student is receiving at a
12 school in the system, subject to the review process under subdivision

13 (2) of this subsection, (C) with a public institution of higher education
 14 to support a collaboration with such institution to develop and
 15 commercialize any invention or discovery, or (D) pursuant to a court
 16 appointment, unless the contract has been awarded through an open
 17 and public process, including prior public offer and subsequent public
 18 disclosure of all proposals considered and the contract awarded. In no
 19 event shall an executive head of an agency, as defined in section 4-166,
 20 including a commissioner of a department, or an executive head of a
 21 quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-79, or the executive head's
 22 immediate family or a business with which he is associated enter into
 23 any contract with that agency or quasi-public agency. Nothing in this
 24 subsection shall be construed as applying to any public official who is
 25 appointed as a member of the executive branch or as a member or
 26 director of a quasi-public agency and who receives no compensation
 27 other than per diem payments or reimbursement for actual or
 28 necessary expenses, or both, incurred in the performance of the public
 29 official's duties unless such public official has authority or control over
 30 the subject matter of the contract. Any contract made in violation of
 31 this subsection shall be voidable by a court of competent jurisdiction if
 32 the suit is commenced not later than one hundred eighty days after the
 33 making of the contract.

34 (2) The superintendent of the regional vocational-technical school
 35 system shall establish an open and transparent process to review any
 36 contract entered into under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this
 37 subsection.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | July 1, 2012 | 1-84(i) |

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 13 \$ | FY 14 \$ |
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| Regional Vocational - Tech. School Sytem | Non-Appropriated Account - Revenue Gain | See Below | See Below |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a revenue gain to the Regional Vocational-Technical High School System (V-T), by authorizing public officials, state employees, their immediate family members, and business with which they are associated to contract with the V-T schools to perform various services.

It is unknown how many contracts the V-T school would be able to secure; therefore the amount of additional revenue generated is unknown. Any additional revenue generated would be deposited into the Connecticut Technical High School System Production Account (a non-appropriated account) and used to purchase trade supplies and tools. The average rate of labor charged by V-T schools is \$18 per hour.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of secured contracts at the hourly rate of labor.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 340*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE BY STATE EMPLOYEES OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM STUDENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes public officials, state employees, their immediate family members, and businesses with which they are associated to contract with the regional vocational-technical (V-T) school system for its students to perform services in conjunction with their vocational, technical, or technological education and training. It requires the superintendent of the regional V-T system to establish an open and transparent process for reviewing any such contract.

With certain exceptions, the Code of Ethics prohibits public officials, state employees, their immediate family members, and businesses with which they are associated from entering into a state contract valued at \$100 or more.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/21/2012)